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Speech of His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden at Westminster A 1789.

239:16

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the
House of Representatives:
I have had the honor to hold the important trust of
your chief Magistrate a number of years past:
in the whole course of ~~my~~ which I have endeavoured
to serve the interest of the State to the best of my abilities:
and on my retiring to private life can assure you
that I feel a consciousness of having done my
duety with simplicity and unremitted attention
since I find that the election has not gone in my
~~favour~~ favour by the Freemen, and that you, Gentlemen,
must prefer some other person to fill the chair.
I can cheerfully resign to him the honors of the office
I have long since sustained, and sincerely wish
him a happy administration: for the advancement
of which my utmost influence shall be exerted
I ardently wish you Gentlemen. happiness and prosperity
— may the blessings of heaven attend your useful
deliberations: and render your endeavours in all
your public exertions to the best good of your
~~Constituents~~ constituents

W B. This from Vt Journal 24th Oct 1789.
Look the Journals of Assembly for a reply on the part of the
Assembly —